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The Bishop's Weekly Chat With You.

My dear Flock:

In the schools of Fort Wayne 19,000 children are enrolled, of whom 6,200, or practically one-third, are in the parochial schools. Of these latter a few over 4,000, or two-thirds of the total, are in the *Catholic* parochial schools.

Catholics have often heard what a saving to the State their parochial schools occasion, but seldom is it brought to their attention that, despite the separate maintenance of schools by parish groups, the Catholics themselves save money by not having their children in the public schools.

In the city of Fort Wayne it costs the people more than $100 for every child in the public schools. Therefore, the Catholics of Fort Wayne save their community $400,000 the year by educating 4,000 children of their own, not to speak of the saving occasioned by their building and maintaining their own institutions. This is a handsome contribution by the Catholics of Fort Wayne to their community.

Now let us look at it from the other point of view. It does not cost the Catholic people more than 10% of this contribution, or $40,000, for the operation of their own schools. If all their children were in the public schools, the people of Fort Wayne would pay $400,000 for their education. Since Catholics constitute at least one-fifth of Fort Wayne's population, their assessment would be $80,000, or twice as much as they now pay for the education of the same children in the parish schools. Evidently if 4,000 more children were in the public schools the school tax, which is now very high, would be 25% higher. The bonded indebtedness of the schools would be greater, and Catholics would have to pay their proportionate share. The people who have money in a bank or in property would pay heavier taxes, and even those who haven't a cent in the banks, and who do not own their own houses, would be compelled to pay a higher house rent. Every person, directly or indirectly, is a tax-payer. When property is taxed heavily, the landlord raises rent in order to get the taxes as well as the interest on his investment, insurance, etc., out of the rental.

Therefore, while Catholics are rendering an invaluable service to every community in which they conduct a parochial school, they are also making a very profitable financial investment for themselves through the parish. Let people in places where there is no parochial school, and who are opposed to the establishment of one because of the cost, take into account what is herewith presented.

Of course, the parochial schools are not built in order to save the people money, but to help every family in the parish towards a spiritual investment whose value cannot be calculated.

We are frequently reading of the value of an eighth grade education, of a high school education, and of a college education, but the value is estimated only on the earning power in dollars and cents of the product. What if we were to estimate the value of a grade school religious education, of the continuation of such education through high school, of the further continuance of it in a college such as Notre Dame, and its value on the whole career of the product, on his children and children's children, on the persons with whom he comes in contact, if he will only in his life exemplify what he learns from the books and from the exhortations?

Our Catholic people do not sufficiently realize, and, therefore, they do not properly appreciate how great a friend their Church is to them in many ways. She has been commissioned to teach them and look after their welfare, and deserves the age-old name of "Mother Church." The people must be too often reminded of their obligations and do not take kindly to these reminders. They rather become critical of the pastor who does the reminding, yet it must be very clear to every reflecting person that the priest is only thinking of *their* church, *their* school, *their* parish debt, etc., and not of his own. The very fact that a parochial school is always built at a much lower cost than a public school of equal size is proof that there is no money wasted, and the fact that the maintenance cost of a parish school is only about 10% of the maintenance of a public school, despite the fact that there is nothing in efficiency sacrificed, is proof sufficient that the priest is given to the practice of unusual economy in the conduct of the parish finances. The average priest is far more sparing of the parish money than he is of his own.

Long experience has taught that, except in rare cases, the priest is a better administrator, even of the material side of the parish, than a Board of Trustees—though every priest is glad to share the responsibility of important obligations, such as building, etc., with representatives of the parish. We do not know a single priest who is not anxious to reduce his indebtedness and, thereby to save money for his people in interest. He is even more eager than the people themselves are.

Yours sincerely in Christ,

✠ John Francis Noll
Bp. of Ft. Wayne

VATICAN'S NUNCIO TO FRANCE AND REPUBLIC'S PRESIDENT EXCHANGE COMPLIMENTS

Paris.—Msgr. Maglione, Archbishop of Cesarea, has presented to the President of the Republic the letters accrediting him as Nuncio of the Holy See. The presentation was made at a solemn audience at the Elysee Palace.

Msgr. Maglione was introduced to the President by the director of the protocol who had with him M. Briand, Minister of Foreign Affairs, and the dignitaries of the presidential household.

"a faithful servant of the Church and a sincere friend of France."

PRESIDENT EXTENDS KINDLY WELCOME

The President, in reply, declared that he was very sensitive to the assurances of affection brought by the legate of the Holy Father to the French people on behalf of Pope Pius XI:

"I am not surprised," he said, "for the sons and daughters of France have given—as history proves—

"And are there not many sentiments in common between us? The solicitude shown by His Holiness toward the races of certain continents which are insufficiently advanced in civilization corresponds to the ideal of the French nation which has ever set for itself the duty not of enslaving these races, but of working for their uplift, devoting continuous and disinterested effort to their moral and material progress."

The President then expressed his good wishes for the person of His

Msgr. Luigi Maglione, center figure, new Holy See representative to France, exchanges courtesies with French dignitaries, following his reception by Cardinal Dubois, who is shown at the right of the Nuncio.

The Nuncio and the President exchanged addresses, the extreme courtesy and friendliness of which have been much commented upon.

ADDRESS OF NUNCIO

The Nuncio declared, first of all, that His Holiness had charged him with the task of once more assuring the head of the French Government of his very special affection for France.

After expressing the hope that he might count on the benevolence of the President and the valuable assistance of his Government, Msgr. Maglione concluded his address, expressing the desire that he might deserve the appreciation given his predecessor, Cardinal Cerretti, whom he described as abundant proof of this devotion to others which is of the very essence of Christianity, and the vocation for which has never ceased to lead them by thousands, as you have just reminded us, to the far confines of the universe."

M. Doumergue then complimented the new representative of the Holy Father and praised the remarkable activity of a career which has been fertile in happy and constructive achievements:

"These merits and this activity, coupled with the sincere friendship which Your Excellency feels for my country, are, for me, a guarantee of the continuity of the very cordial relations which have been established between the Holy See and France.

Holiness Pious XI and for the glory of his pontificate, concluding his address as follows:

"May Your Excellency be welcome among us. You may be assured of finding here, as did your eminent predecessor, an assistance both complete and benevolent in the discharge of your high mission."

After a few minutes of private conversation with the President, the Nuncio was driven back to the Nunciature in the Elysee carriage.

A few minutes later Msgr. Maglione drove to the Arc de Triomphe to recite a *De Profundis* on the tomb of the Unknown Soldier, a gesture which made an immediate and favorable impression on the population of Paris.

KIN OF NOTED PROTESTANT. Rev. Mother Aloysia, O. S. B., near relative of Henry Ward Beecher, is foundress and first prioress of St. Mary's (Benedictine) Priory, Manchester, N. H.

PAUL CLAUDEL, NEW FRENCH AMBASSADOR TO U. S., CALLED "ONE OF DANTE BROTHERHOOD"

Writer of Many Poems and Plays of Catholic Themes and Tendencies—Equally Brilliant Diplomatist—Is Honored by the French Academy.

Washingon.—The appointment of Paul Claudel as French Ambassador to the United States, just announced, will bring to Washington not only a diplomat of more than 30 years' experience and one of the foremost poets and dramatists of the times, but one of the leading Catholic personalities of Europe.

M. Claudel's prestige as a foremost writer of the day is acknowledged in many lands. Brian W. Downs, in the *North American Review*, recently discussed whether or not he is entitled, as many believe, to membership "as a junior fellow in the noble brotherhood of Dante, Herbert, Milton, Vondel, Calderon and Klopstock." The conservative *Dublin Review* carried an article on him in which he was called "a dramatist, a poet and a transcendental philosopher who is at the same time an Ambassador of the first rank", and in which it was said that "there is scarcely another man whose fifty-five years have compassed a greater variety of modern thought or modern action."

Yet it is precisely in his writings that Claudel's Catholicity is exemplified; it dominates every poem and dramatic work he presents.

The French *Catholic Almanac* calls him "the glorious forerunner of all writers who are working for the renaissance of the Christian stage", while listing him as "one of the leading Catholic personalities of France."

The *North American Review* writer says of him: "On M. Claudel's concept of God depends most of his appeal as a writer and seer." Catherine Bregy, writing in the *Dublin Review*, says that his work "has the frightful freshness, the almost inhuman idealism of the early Christians" and that "it is as 'ferociously' and militantly Catholic as Mr. Belloc himself." In the same article she declares that his "affiliates" are Bernard of Clairvaux and St. John of the Cross.

CATHOLIC ZEAL "FIERCE"

May Bateman, in the *Catholic World*, says: "He is fiercely zealous for the Faith" and "To Know Claudel is to have lit a torch which, not today only, but tomorrow, will serve to guide us through dark places." She then asks: "Why are there not more of us joining our voices in his Magnificat?"

Thomas J. Gerrard, also writing in the *Catholic World*, says that the art of Claudel is "poetry which has for its basis the broad truths of the Catholic Faith" and that it "attains the highest flights of artistic expression by reason of its sacramentality."

In the course of a diplomatic career begun at the age of 24—he is now 68—and which took him to many lands including North and South America, China, Japan, Germany, Austria and Denmark, Claudel made many different parts of the earth the locales for his works. He seemed able, however, to find inspiration in his Catholic Faith wherever he found it and to weave into his writings the supernatural *motifs* which have caused him to become known as one of the greatest of modern mystics.

Even his best known work during his stay in America, "The Exchange", while its American influence is wholly evident and its realism has been called almost shocking, has its deep moral theme. And so it is with his other works—"Golden-Head", "The City", "The Hostage", "Hard Bread", "The Sabbath Day's Rest", "St. Therese". Even "Poetic Art" and "Knowledge of the East" have their supernatural tone.

Claudel's genius evidenced itself early, and he has been a busy man, with his diplomatic and writing careers pursued vigorously and together. Born Aug. 6, 1868, in Villeneuve-sur-Fin—his full name, incidentally, is Paul Louis Charles Claudel—he attended the famous Lycee of Louis-le-Grand in Paris, where, at the close of his course, he was crowned by the hand of Renan himself. He next took his law degree from the School of Political Sciences at Paris.

His first diplomatic post was in the United States and came at the age of 24. He was Vice-Consul of France at New York in 1893 and also served at Boston. The next year he was made Consul at Shanghai, China, and in 1899 at Fou-Chow. In 1906 he became First Secretary of Peking and later was moved to Tien Tsin. He went to Prague in 1909 and in 1911 became Consul General at Frankfort, Germany, two years later occupying a similar post at Hamburg.

Mexico's Rulers - Suppress Truth, Sutherland Says

WRITER FOR LIBERTY MAGAZINE DECLARES CATHOLICS AFRAID TO SPEAK.

Chicago — A picture of a whole clergy of thousands driven into hiding, unable to speak or act without being thrown into prison, is painted in the fourth of the Sidney Sutherland articles from Mexico, "The Machete Versus the Cross," which appears in this week's issue of the magazine, Liberty, published here. The series is to continue.

"Odd manners are the usual thing down here," says Mr. Sutherland. "If you talk to one whose viewpoint coincides with the Government's, you may quote him freely. Indeed, he will press upon you his name, antecedents, address, vocation, and photograph.

"But if you wish to publish the opinion of men and women who disagree with what is going on, you have to mask their identities in utter anonymity. It is a dangerous thing to disagree with Calles. Hence what the authorities of the Catholic Church and prominent lay members thereof think about the present anachronistic religious conflict will simply have to be the composite answer of many minds.

"I cannot name them because that is to inscribe their names on a police warrant. Suffice it to say that all spoke with authority; that I interviewed priests who are living in the seclusion of their relatives' homes, who live under assumed names, and who, at whispered rendezvous, say Mass, administer Communion, perform marriages, and bend loving ears above the pallid lips of dying Catholics."

Having thus told of the limitations placed upon him in reporting the situation, Mr. Sutherland attempts to present the composite view of the Catholics of Mexico in quotation marks. In this form he traverses the history of Catholicism in Mexico briefly—the story of conversion, elevation and improvement, of saving and upbuilding, of opposition to the exploitation of natives. Still quoting what he reports to be the Catholic view, he says:

"Two of our priests voiced the battle cry of freedom from the exploitation that was early Spain. Without Hidalgo and Morelos, Mexico's neck would have worn the Castilian yoke for years longer.

"It was the pleasure of every Mexican ruler from 1810 until this very hour to keep the millions of unlettered poor in bondage and in ignorance. For a century the only schools, save for a few in the larger cities, were conducted by monks and nuns. The only education Mexico has today is that dispensed by the Church. Incapable of ruling by peaceful and civilized means, since they were neither peaceable nor civilized themselves, the constantly changing presidents led a vicious warfare against the Catholic schools.

"If illiteracy is widespread in Mexico today, it is because of the Government. If there is any reading and writing at all, it is because of the Catholic priesthood."

Speaking of the revolutions and insurrections since 1910, he quotes his Catholic informants as follows:

"Then came the revolution of 1910 and the dozens of insurrections that have disgraced Mexico before the world as an incompetent and barbaric country. The avowed program of each leader was justice, fraternity, equality, and improvement of the dumb millions. The actual program was looting, murdering, stealing, wrecking, private enrichment, and unrestrained license. . . .

"What have we here today? We have a Cabinet whose members are fattening on the taxes and graft wrung from a decaying commerce and a dying industry.

"Mexico has not advanced a step in her internal betterment, and she has retrograded immeasurably in her foreign relations. The government has the hatred of the helpless and leaderless millions within her frontiers, and the contempt of the civilized world without. Native and foreign business men are hopeless, desperate, nearly bankrupt."

Mr. Sutherland then recounts what his informants told him of the terrible inroads the economic boycott, declared as a protest against the religious persecution, is making on trade in Mexico, and of the orgy of arrests, expulsions and bloodshed. He closes his article with the promise that in a succeeding letter he will tell how business men are faring in "this sovietized country."

Stephen A. Callahan, Prominent Catholic Layman, Is Mourned

Stephen A. Callahan, prominent Fort Wayne attorney, business man and Catholic layman, whose leadership has won him recognition not only in his own community, but throughout the country, was laid to rest on Tuesday morning. Last rites were held at St. Patrick's church, where the funeral was one of the largest for a layman ever held in Fort Wayne. Every available pew was occupied and hundreds were unable to gain admittance.

Mr. Callahan, stricken with appendicitis in New York, returned to Fort Wayne Wednesday morning, December 1, and underwent an operation at St. Joseph's hospital. His condition was critical from the outset, peritonitis developing, and on Friday afternoon at 5:00 o'clock after intense suffering courageously borne, the Master Whom he has so faithfully served in life, called him to his reward. He was thirty-six years of age and his untimely death came as a shock to all who knew him, and his friends were legion.

Funeral services at St. Patrick's church were held at 9:00 o'clock Tues-

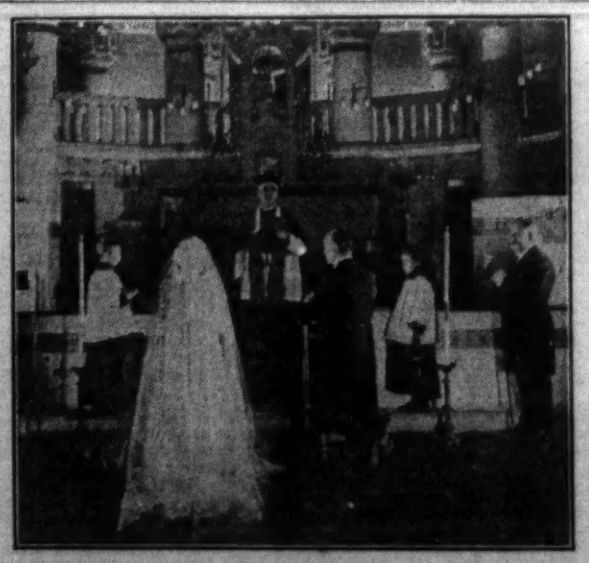
day morning. Solemn Requiem High Mass, coram episcopo (in the presence of the bishop) was celebrated by Rev. Joseph F. Delaney, rector of St. Patrick's; Rev. Thomas M. Conroy, rector of the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, was arch priest; Rev. Edward J. Mungovan of Valparaiso, former state chaplain of the Knights of Columbus, and Rev. John A Dapp of the Cathedral, chaplain of Fort Wayne Council No. 451, K. of C., were deacons of honor to Rt. Rev. Bishop John F. Noll, who presided on the throne and gave the sermon. Rev. Michael J. Gorman, director of the Gibault Home for Boys, Terre Haute, was deacon of the Mass; Rev. John G. Bennett of St. Patrick's, subdeacon; Rev. Joseph Keating and Rev. Charles Feltes, of St. Patrick's, masters of ceremonies.

Retreat for Catechists Closes.

On last Tuesday, the retreat for the Catechists conducted by the Rev. Father Chrysostom, O. F. M., of Cincinnati, closed with the final talk on Our Blessed Mother, the Lady of Victory. The retreat was preliminary to the Departure Ceremonies held on the Feast of the Immaculate Conception at Fort Wayne.

Feast of Immaculate Conception Marked by Departure Ceremony

The Departure Ceremony, the first of its kind to signalize the solemn leave-taking of the Catechists of the Victory-Noll Institute, Huntington, took place in the Cathedral at Fort Wayne, on the evening of the patronal feast, December 8. Six Catechists, about to take up the work of keeping alive the light of Faith among the Mexicans of the Far Southwest, were solemnly heartened for their task in a unique ceremony presided over by Bishop Noll, assisted by Father Sigstein, director of the Institute. Many of the Fort Wayne churches dispensed with evening devotions to permit their congregations to attend the ceremony at the Cathedral. A large number of the clergy from Fort Wayne and elsewhere were present in the Sanctuary.



"MOVIE" TAKEN IN CHURCH. This scene from "Dedale," by Paul Hervieu, was enacted in St. Dominic's Church, Paris. It is the first picture ever taken for a cinema in a French Catholic Church. The boys are the sons of Charles Pichon, editor. (Massiani)

Evidence in Marlborough-Vanderbilt Case Is Disclosed

London.—The Daily News has published exclusively a one thousand word summary of the evidence in the Marlborough-Vanderbilt decree from the Acta Apostolicae Sedis. It shows that Mrs. Belmont said: "I forced my daughter to marry the Duke."

Consuelo, the evidence further shows, said: "My mother told me that if I succeeded in escaping, she would shoot my lover." Consuelo's lover is named in the evidence as Winthrop Rutherford. The Duke of Marlborough testified that Consuelo said to him, twenty days after the wedding: "I have married you because I have been forced to by my mother."

Student To Be Promoted to Priesthood

Mr. Simeon Schmitt of Decatur, now a subdeacon and a student of fourth year theology at Mount St. Mary's Seminary, will receive the Orders of Deaconship and Priesthood next Friday and Saturday in the chapel at St. Joseph's Hospital, Fort Wayne.

Because of ill health the student must take a long rest in a western climate. The seminary staff as well as the Rt. Rev. Bishop feel that the student should have the consolation of saying Mass during the time that he is having his health restored to him.

STOCKING SHOWER FOR BOY ORPHANS

The annual stocking shower for the children of St. Joseph's Orphanage began Friday, December 3, and will continue until Christmas. The shower this year is in charge of Miss Mary Kirchner, 806 Ferry street and Mrs. E. M. Watson, 1318 Columbia street. Donations of stockings or money to purchase them will be kindly appreciated. Heretofore, the citizens of Lafayette have been most generous usually enough stockings being donated at this Christmas shower to last the boys at the orphanage for the year.

Current Catholic Events.

—Archbishop Hanna of San Francisco presided at the hearings of the readjustment of building trades, weights and scales for the coming year 1927.

—A movement to present to the public a series of vital questions on religion will shortly be launched by the Protestants. It is said that the prime object of the campaign is to see how many people believe in God.

—The beatification of Margaret Sinclair, an Edinburg working girl, who died last year at the age of twenty-five, has been sanctioned by the Archbishop of Glasgow.

—Father Aiken, C. S. Sp., recently sailed from New York to take up work in Sierra Leona, West Africa. Sierra Leona bears the title of the "White Man's Grave;" however, Father Aiken succeeds a priest who spent over thirty-five years in that mission.

Dublin.—Cardinal O'Donnell at a meeting in Armagh, for the purpose of appointing an Executive Council or Coiste Gnotha, to protect the interests of the Irish language in the North of Ireland, said "there was much enthusiasm some years ago for the study of Irish, and I trust the enthusiasm will revive, for its revival will be good, not only for the Irish language but for the private and public life of our young people."

—A gift of $750,000 has recently been made to the Providence Hospital by Mr. and Mrs. Fred J. Fisher of Detroit. The money will be used in erecting a home and school for student nurses.

—Generous response by all religious denominations has met the appeal for the relief of the Jews in Central and Eastern Europe.

—Mongolia has been the scene of murders of priests and plundering of missions by bandits, according to the Very Rev. Cyrille Van Lantschoot, a Belgian missionary.

Dublin—At a meeting under the auspices of the Catholic Truth Society, at Moate, Westmeath County, Msgr. Segrave, V. G., declared that there were nearly five thousand printers and fifteen hundred journalists in Ireland, whose industry was being adversely affected by the competition of immoral journals from abroad.

—The first boyology course in New Jersey attracted more than two hundred of the representative men of Jersey City and surrounding territory. Among those enrolled was Leon Gendal, regional executive of the Boy Scouts of America.

—The committee for protection of religious rights in Mexico has announced the completion of its executive board and the selection of its full complement of officers. The work has been endorsed by His Eminence William, Cardinal O'Connell, Archbishop of Boston.

Baltimore.—Two archbishops and three bishops attended the meeting of the Sulpician Alumni Association of the United States in the Alcazar here, yesterday. Archbishops Michael J. Curley of Baltimore, and James J. Keane, of Dubuque, Bishops William A. Hickey of Providence, Thomas J. Shahan, of Catholic University, and auxiliary to the Bishop of Hartford, the Rt. Rev. Maurice F. McAuliffe, were the members of the Hierarchy in attendance, all of whom addressed the gathering.

—Msgr. Beaupin, Secretary of the Catholic Union for International Studies, has been invited by the University of Paris to give a course of lectures on "Catholics and the League of Nations" before the school of social science.

—The Mexican issue was discussed by Bishop William Hafey of Raleigh, N. D., at the annual Pan-American Mass held at St. Patrick's church, Washington, D. C. Representatives of virtually every Central and South American nation, and high federal and municipal officers of this country attended.

Rome.—Information from "unquestionable sources" shows that the Mexican persecution of religion is being intensified greatly, says an article in the Osservatore Romano, Vatican organ.

Wholesale arrests, torture and murder are being resorted to, says the Osservatore and it is apparent that Bolshevism has gripped Mexico. Specific instances of killings because of religious beliefs are cited.

—The birthday of Padre Junipero Serra, known as the "Father of California," was marked by a sunset ceremonial held at the foot of the monument at the Golden Gate Park, San Francisco, recently. The ceremony was under the auspices of the Knights of Columbus.

—The Catholics of Berlin have protested the latest indignity offered them by the Socialist controlled parliament of their city. The parliament proposes to establish an open family bath, accommodating 4,000 persons, in front of the famous St. Michael's church. This action is the cause of the protests which are being made by 500,000 Catholics.

—The Socialists of Austria have recently gone on record as furthering birth control under public supervision.

—The board of managers of the Sylvan Heights Orphanage, an institution for girls under the supervision of the Catholic diocese of Harrisburg, Pa., offered the facility of their institution to the Ku Klux Klan to care for the girls among the forty-six children left homeless by fire at the Klan Haven Home for children recently.

—The current "White List" includes "Abie's Irish Rose," "Ben Hur," "The Big Parade," "Beau Geste," "Criss Cross," "Castles in the Air," "Iolanthe," "Sunny," "What Every Woman Knows," "Sure Fire," "The Judge's Husband," "They All Want Something," "Autumn Fire," and "Potash and Perlmutter, Detectives."

Oakland, Calif.—The Rev. Daniel J. O'Kelly, pastor of the Church of St. Teresa, the Little Flower of Jesus, is planning a large shrine as the permanent church of the parish. It is intended that the shrine shall be to California and the West what St. Anne's is to Canada and the Basilica of Our Lady of Victory in Buffalo to the Catholics of the East. The present church, although temporary, is making remarkable progress.

The Rosminians, or, Fathers of the Institute of Charity, a congregation founded by the Italian philosopher Antonio Rosmini in 1828, were, according to the design of their founder, to "embrace with all the desire of their souls every work of charity, without arbitrary limitation to any particular branch, undertaking all that should be required of them of which they should be capable."

PRESIDENT GREEN OF A. F. L. HINTS AT BREAK WITH CROM OVER MEXICO'S CHURCH FIGHT

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stress, such as has developed out of the situation in Mexico, it is difficult for those who are devoted to a certain form of religion to understand the causes and reasons for such a policy. Many believe that the action which has recently been taken by the Government of Mexico is an interference with the exercise of religious freedom. They labor under the impression that the Government of Mexico is persecuting the Catholic Church and is seeking to crush and destroy the Catholic religion in Mexico. As a result of this impression I have received many inquiries as to whether or not the American Federation of Labor approves and supports the religious policy being carried out in Mexico.

"All of this is tending to disturb the relationship which has existed between the American Federation of Labor and the Mexican Federation of Labor. An extraordinary situation is being created. I would not be frank with you if I did not state that in my opinion wise counsel must prevail, sound judgment must be exercised, tolerance must be practised and temperate language must be used if we are to continue to maintain the cordial and friendly relations which have existed between the American Federation of Labor and the Mexican Federation of Labor for years.

INTEREST IN MEXICO DESCRIBED

"We have scrupulously refrained from any interference whatsoever in the sovereignity of the Mexican Nation or in its domestic and internal affairs. We have heretofore sought to be helpful in advancing and promoting the economic welfare of the working people of Mexico and in the establishment and maintenance of peaceful relations between the United States and Mexico. Our interest in Mexico has been purely and absolutely economic and industrial.

"It is my deliberate judgment that the highest and best interest of the organized workers in Mexico and the United States call for a settlement of the religious controversy which has arisen in Mexico. It would seem that some basis of understanding and mutuality ought to be reached.. A just and righteous understanding which would result in the promotion of goodwill and the recognition of the rights of both the Church and the State would create a most favorable impression among the people of the American Continent and throughout the world. It is inconceivable that the deplorable state of affairs now existing shall continue indefinitely.

OFFERS A. F. L.'S SERVICES

"If there is any way in which the officers of either the American Federation of Labor or the Pan-American Federation of Labor can be helpful and serviceable in the present situation, if we can assist in any way whatsoever in bringing about a settlement of the existing controversy which now disturbs the peace and tranquility of Mexico and which has resulted in arousing feeling and deep interest in the United States, we will gladly respond to the needs of the situation and will serve in every way possible.

"We want to preserve the Pan-American Federation of Labor and we want to extend its influence throughout the Latin-American Republics. We feel sure this desire can only be realized when menacing situations which threaten to interfere with our affiliations and right relationship have been understood and overcome."

A copy of this letter was sent to Secretary Trevino of the Mexican Federation of Labor.

England's Conversion May Come Rapidly, Belloc Declares

London.—The conversion of England to Catholicism may come in a lifetime, in the view of Hilaire Belloc given to Catholic Evidence Guild speakers assembled here at the annual Inter-Guild conference.

He urged the outdoor speakers, who are to be found at street corner pitches throughout the country at 38 different centers, to keep to their task and not to be discouraged because they do not observe results. The measure of their success would never be apparent to their own eyes.

"You are working in the dark," he said. "Continue each to work in his own department of the attack. You will not see the result. The change, if it is to come, will come with appalling rapidity to gladden the hearts of a generation that is not your own."

Mr. Belloc said the change from belief to unbelief, or from unbelief to belief, had always followed a certain course. It would be found all through history. At first there was apparently very slight change. Then the thing destined to come came with extreme rapidity—nearly always within the space of one lifetime.

The Catholic Evidence Guild developed its organization during the conference by forming a general committee to knit together the movement throughout the country. The Master of the Guild in the place of annual meeting is to be the general secretary for the ensuing year.

MARCONI RECEIVED BY THE POPE

ROME CABLE.

Rome, Nov. 26.—William Marconi, the inventor, was received by the Pope Tuesday evening, and presented to His Holiness a special account of his recent studies and discoveries. Some secular newspapers hastened to connect Mr. Marconi's audience with the case of the annulment of his marriage to Beatrice O'Brien. Nothing is further from the fact. In the first place, the marriage has been declared null by the Curia of Westminster. The decision is now before the Rota for affirmation. In the second place, both the Vatican and Mr. Marconi have declared that not a single word was said about the annulment case, for the reason that the audience was for altogether different purposes.

Upon hearing the account of his recent studies from Mr. Marconi, His Holiness congratulated him and presented him with a gold medal and his blessing, wishing him further success in his studies, which have proved so useful in the progress of mankind.

When reports were published that Marconi's audience concerned the annulment case, Mr. Marconi formally stated that his sole purpose in making the visit was to present his homage to the Pope and that in the audience no word was spoken of the annulment case. The Vatican later confirmed this statement, declaring that the audience was wholly free of discussion of the marriage case.

Following the audience, Mr. Marconi visited Cardinal Gasparri, Papal Secretary of State, who is a friend of the inventor of long standing.

CREIGHTON BASKETBALL SEASON OPENS SOON

Omaha, Nebr.—Basketball Coach A. A. Schabinger began in earnest to prepare for the opening basketball conflict of the season, the game against Grinnell in Creighton gymnasium, Dec. 18.

Although Creighton's material is very promising, all but four of the entire squad are Sophomores, and the task of developing team work among men who have never tasted the fire of university competition will be a serious one.

One of the heaviest schedules Creighton has ever contracted for has been arranged for the Blue. Following is the schedule: Dec. 18, Grinnell at Omaha; Jan. 3, Kansas Uni. at Omaha; Jan. 8, Kansas Aggies at Omaha; Jan. 15, Marquette Uni. at Milwaukee; Jan. 22, Morningside at Omaha; Jan. 31, Iowa State at Omaha; Feb. 2, North Dakota Aggies at Omaha; Feb. 4, South Dakota State at Brookings; Feb. 5, South Dakota Uni. at Vermillion; Feb. 11, Marquette at Omaha; Feb. 15, Uni. of Missouri at Omaha; Feb. 18, North Dakota Uni. at Grand Forks; Feb. 19, North Dakota Aggies at Fargo; Feb. 21, Morningside at Sioux City; Feb. 25, South Dakota Uni. at Omaha; Mar. 4, Notre Dame Uni. at Omaha; Mar. 5, Notre Dame Uni. at Omaha.

DEDICATION RECITAL AT ST. MARY'S.

A dedication recital by the pipe organ students, members of the St. Cecelia's Diapason Club, was given in the Holy Ghost Chapel at St. Mary's College, Notre Dame, Ind., the evening of St. Cecelia's feast, November 22. The outstanding numbers of the program were "Toccata and Fuge in D Minor," by Bach, played by Miss Glenyce Woodward, and "Adagio" from Violin Concerto op. 26, by Bruch-Rogers, played by Miss Bernice Kuhn. "Andantine," by Lemare, in which Miss Dorothy Robyns on the violin, and Miss Marion Desmond on the cello, assisted, is deserving of special mention. The vocal solos by the Misses Eleanor Blatterman, Julitta Sauer and Edith Conaton, and the numbers in which the St. Mary's College Glee Club took part, were praised highly by all who attended the concert.

The Thanksgiving vacation for St. Mary's College was from Wednesday after classes until Sunday evening.

Annulment of Her Marriage Is Denied By Mrs. Vanderbilt

Paris.—Mrs. W. K. Vanderbilt 2nd denied recently a report from Rome, via New York, that her marriage had been annulled by the Catholic Church. She is at the Hotel Crillon here and, when approached on the subject, said:

"The report is perfectly absurd, I absolutely deny it. Whoever is spreading the report must know more about my personal affairs than I do myself."

Mrs. Vanderbilt, a sister-in-law of the former Consuelo Vanderbilt, whose marriage to the Duke of Marlborough was recently annulled by an ecclesiastical court, is a Catholic and a daughter of the late United States Senator G. Fair of California, who came to this country from Ireland when a boy and made an enormous fortune in mining.

Father J. S. O'Neil Priest 25 Years

Los Angeles, Calif.—The silver jubilee of the ordination of the Rev. James S. O'Neil, pastor of St. Bernard's church, will be observed here December 21. The members of his parish and the Knights of Columbus are making elaborate preparations for the event.

Father O'Neil studied for the priesthood in New York but came to California when a young man. He was very ill at the time but soon regained his health. He is 6 feet 4 inches in height and weighs 249 pounds. Father O'Neil served in Washington as a chaplain during the World War.

Bells of Ancient California Mission Taken by Thieves

San Diego.—Report has been made to Sheriff Byers of San Diego County of the theft of the famous Santa Ysabel Mission bells. The theft was reported by a band of Indians from the Santa Ysabel reservation.

The bells were of gold alloy, have an unusually sweet tone, and are valued at $20,000.

LOGANSPORT DISTRICT

ST. BRIDGET'S CHURCH IMPROVEMENTS COMPLETED

The decorating of St. Bridget's church has been completed by Edward Mucker, local church decorator, and the eighteen hundred feet of scaffolding has been removed, revealing the background of the painting in light cream color with imitation mosaics. The windows of stained glass, many of which have been donated, are figurative of the life of Christ from the Annunciation to the Resurrection. The three altars are of imitation marble and were purchased from the Brazi Statuary company of Chicago. The present improvements cost about $15,000 and the church presents a strikingly beautiful appearance.

FORTY HOURS AT ST. JOSEPH'S

The Forty Hours' Devotional exercises held recently at St. Joseph's church and conducted by Rev. Edward Boney of Kewanna, proved to be one of the greatest events held there in many years. The edifice was taxed to its capacity when at the close of the services, the procession of the Blessed Sacrament was held. The pastor, Rev. Michael J. Aichinger was in general charge.

CELEBRATE TWENTY-FIFTH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Zanger of East Linden avenue were very pleasantly surprised Friday evening, Nov. 19th, when a large number of their friends and relatives called unexpectedly on the occasion of their twenty-fifth wedding anniversary. A vocal and musical program rendered by their three daughters, Misses Mary, Gertrude and Agnes was given. Rev. Father Aichinger and Father Magsam of St. Joseph's church of which the Jubilarians are members were also present. Mr. and Mrs. Zanger were presented with a beautiful set of Community silver and other souvenirs of the occasion.

CELEBRATE THIRTY-EIGHTH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Fohrer, of St. Bridget's church celebrated their thirty-eighth wedding anniversary, Sunday evening, Nov. 21st. When they entertained members of their club and some of their old friends at their home on West Miami avenue.

COLUMBUS DANCING CLUB ORGANIZED

The initial dance of the season of the Columbus Dancing club was given Wednesday evening, Nov. 24, in the K. C. home. Members of the committee in charge of the affair were Mr. and Mrs. Fred W. Gross, Mr. and Mrs. Romana Firmani, Mr. and Mrs. Thos. Powers, Mr. and Mrs. Fabian Keller, Mr. and Mrs. Thos. P. Dwyer, Miss Marie Bahr and Geo. J. Fettig.

FORMER LOCAL YOUTH INJURED IN CHICAGO

Joe Dougherty, 20, son of Mr. and Mrs. Mike Dougherty of St. Joseph's church, is confined to St. Luke's hospital in Chicago by an injury to one of his eyes sustained while at work in the Northwestern R. R. shops there.

BUDDY HOOLEY RECOVERING

Buddy Hooley, the six-year-old son of Kevin P. Hooley, who recently underwent an operation at St. Joseph's hospital for mastoid is recovering gradually. Drs. W. W. Holmes and Holloway performed the operation.

HAMMOND DISTRICT

C. C. SUCCUMB TO MOOSEHEART

Battling stubbornly from beginning to finish the C. Central Blue Streaks went down in defeat before the unbeaten Mooseheart team by a score of 14-0. The Illinois boys completed two passes out of ten and had three intercepted while Hammond completed four out of six.

In 1927, the Mooseheart team will be seen in Hammond, when they again clash with Catholic Central.

MISSION WEEK AT ST. BRIDGET'S

A Mission was held in St. Bridget's church the week of November 21-28. The mission was conducted by Rev. Father Fridolin.

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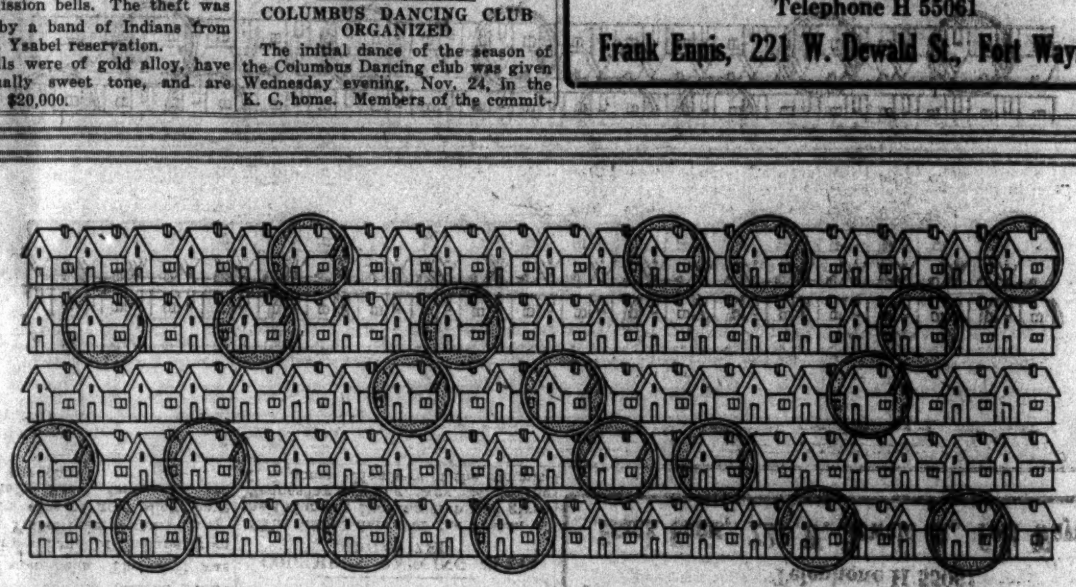

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